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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, IT

SUBJECT: AID REQUEST FOR STORAGE SPACE FOR DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES

REF: STATE 081223

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO WHOM WE PRESENTED AID REQUEST HAS INQUIRED WHAT KIND OF CONSULTATIONS OR NOTIFICATION, IF ANY, WE PLANNED WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS PRIOR TO DISPATCH OF RELIEF SUPPLIES. HE STATED THAT WHILE NATURAL DISASTERS PRESENT STRAIGHT- FORWARD CASE FOR RELIEF, OTHER KINDS OF DISASTERS COULD CONCEIVABLY RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO PROPRIETY OF RELIEF, ESPECIALLY IN POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST. EVEN THOUGH THE RELIEF WOULD BE A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE U. S. AND THE COUNTRY CONCERNED, FACT THAT SUPPLIES CAME FROM ITALIAN TERRITORY WOULD INEVITABLY INVOLVE ITALY.

2. OFFICIAL ALSO ASKED WHAT U. S. POSITION WOULD BE REGARDING OPENING UP PROPOSED STORAGE FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION FOR USE BY ITALIANS AND OTHER NATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF ITALY OR OTHER NATIONS DECIDED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, COULD THEY SHIP SUPPLIES TO DARBY FOR TRANSPORTATION ON U. S. AIRCRAFT ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS? IN CASE U. S. AGREED TO HANDLE SUPPLIES COMING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, HE WAS QUITE SURE GOI WOULD WISH TO BE  
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INFORMED.

3. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS TO  
ENABLE HIM TO STAFF OUR REQUEST.

4. IN VIEW OF GUIDANCE PARA 3 REFTEL, EMBOFF REFRAINED FROM  
INDICATING THAT GOI WOULD BE CONSULTED OR INFORMED ON DIS-  
PATCH OF SUPPLIES. NEVERTHELESS) OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT SOME  
ARRANGEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO  
GAIN GOI APPROVAL. REGARDING SECOND QUESTION, EMBOFF SAID  
HE PERSONALLY COULD NOT IMAGINE THERE WOULD BE ANY DIFFICULTIES  
IN OPENING UP RELIEF SHIPMENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE EXTENT  
POSSIBLE, BUT WOULD SEEK AN AUTHORITATIVE REPLY.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON POINTS RAISED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.  
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